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John Young, Director
Division of Environmental Quality
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Mr. Young:

Re: Approval of James River TMDL (§303(d) Clean Water Act)

Thank you for the submission dated March 30, 2001 requesting approval of the James River Nutrient/unknown total maximum daily load (TMDL) under §303(d) of the Clean Water Act. We have completed our review of this TMDL as submitted by your office and in accordance with §303(d) of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), we approve all aspects of this TMDL. I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize your staff for extending a sincere partnership in collaborating with EPA on the development of this TMDL.

Enclosed is an EPA Region 7 Review Form which summarizes the rationale for EPA's approval of this TMDL. The EPA believes the separate elements of the TMDL described in the enclosed form adequately address the pollutants of concern, taking into consideration seasonal variation and a margin of safety. The effort that Missouri has put into public participation activities centered around this TMDL is particularly impressive.

Again, EPA appreciates the thoughtful teamwork and partnering effort that Missouri has put forth in the development of this TMDL and will continue to cooperate with and assist, as appropriate, in future efforts by Missouri to develop the remaining TMDLs on the current Missouri §303(d) list of impaired water bodies.

Sincerely,

U. Gale Hutton
Director
Water, Wetlands, and Pesticides Division

Enclosure

cc: Sharon Clifford, MDNR TMDL Coordinator